

Washington, DC-Wednesday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that \$3.69 million was allocated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Native American Housing Block Grant Program to the Acoma, Isleta, and Laguna Pueblos, the Mescalero Reservation and the Zuni Tribe. Under the Recovery Act, funds may be used for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, including energy efficiency and conservation, and infrastructure development. Funds can also be used to leverage private sector financing for new construction, renovation and energy retrofit investments.

“I am pleased to announce that just two weeks after I voted for the economic recovery package we are beginning to see funds flow directly to local communities,” said Congressman Harry Teague. “This funding provides much needed resources and support for a too often overlooked community.”

Congressman Harry Teague will be working with tribal officials to ensure that this economic recovery funding can be accessed quickly so housing needs can be met and jobs can be created as soon as possible.

The breakdown of funds by entity is as follows:

Acoma Pueblo \$418,372.00

Isleta Pueblo \$334,203.00

Laguna Pueblo \$648,028.00

Mescalero Reservation \$988,799.00

Zuni Tribe \$1,307,582.00

Total: \$3,696,984.00

Earlier this week, the Administration announced that by April 1st, 95% of Americans are going to see their paychecks go up because the withholding taxes are going to fall by April 1st. In addition, just 10 days after the bill was signed, \$15 billion to help with health care for children and seniors is already on the way to states.

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